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**Task**: In class, you will write a precise knowledgeable claim (thesis) that answers the question below in 30 minutes. You will craft a body paragraph that develops your claim with the most relevant evidence. In your paragraph you should clarify the relationships between evidence and reasons (explanation of your evidence) as well as claims and reasons (analysis connecting evidence back to thesis). You can bring in a note card with your thesis statement on it.

**Question**: Does the Federal Government promote or restrict liberty?

**Grading:**

Worth 30 pts in the assessment category

**Rubric:**

1. Introduce precise, knowledgeable, and significant claim an create an organization that logically sequences the claim, reasons and evidence.
2. Develop claims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of claim in a discipline-appropriate form that anticipates knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.
3. Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax (sentence structure) to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claims and reasons, and between and evidence.
4. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
5. Provide a concluding statement (sentence) of section that follows from or supports the argument presented.

**Key**:

E = Exemplary

P = Proficient

NI = Needs Improvement

U = Unsatisfactory